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EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS - AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER, 1950.

Monthly records of employment referred to in this notice relate to all wage and salary earners except those in rural industry and female private domestic service, and therefore cover about 90 per cent of all wage and salary earners in employment. Figures quoted are subject to revision.

At the end of September, 1950 the number of persons employed (2,563,900) was greater by 9,300 than in August, 1950. The number of males in employment rose by 4,600 to 1,868,100 and the number of females by 4,700 to 695,800.

Comparisons of the numbers in employment in the months of September, 1949 and August and September, 1950 are as follows:-

NUMBERS IN EMPLOYMENT - AUSTRALIA.

(Excluding Rural Industry and Female Private Domestic Service).  
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Particulars	September, 1949	August, 1950	September, 1950
Males ..	1,790.2	1,863.5	1,868.1
Females ..	665.7	691.1	695.8
Persons	2,455.9	2,554.6	2,563.9

CHANGES IN INDUSTRIAL GROUPS.

The main change in employment in industrial groups during September, 1950, was an increase of 3,700 (Males 2,200, Females, 1,500) in Wholesale and Retail Trade. Employment in factories increased by 1,900, in Building and Construction by 2,000 (all males), and in Professional and Personal Services by 1,300 (Males 100, Females 1,200), while Transport and Communication showed a decrease of 300 males but gained 400 females.

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

There was an increase of 300 males and 1,600 females in factory employees during September, 1950. Male employees increased by 500 in the manufacture of Food, Drink and Tobacco and by 300 in Sawmilling and Woodworking. They decreased by 200 in Bricks, Pottery, Glass, and by 300 in Metals, Machines, Vehicles, etc.

The increase of 1600 in female employees in factories occurred mainly in the manufacture of Clothing (700) Metals, Machines, Vehicles, etc. (400), Textiles (200) with smaller increases in some other groups. The only significant decrease was one of 200 in Food, Drink and Tobacco Manufacture.

EMPLOYMENT BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES.

The number of persons employed in Australia by Public Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, the post office, education, police, public works, etc. and in administration increased by 1,700 during September to a total of 666,100. There was an increase of 100 in the numbers employed by public authorities of the Commonwealth and of 1,600 in those of State and Local Authorities.

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